

JAPAN DENIES LOCATING A NAVAL BASE ON WEST COAST OF MEXICO

DEFEAT RUSS
IN CAMPAIGN
ON HUNGARY

German War Office Announces Failure of Attempted Invasion.

CLAIM HEAVY LOSSES

Petrograd Admits Advance of Armies Has Virtually Been Brought to Halt.

London, April 15.—England experienced a second Zeppelin raid last night when a German airship made an extensive flight over the northwestern coast in an abortive attempt to damage shipbuilding works along the river Tyne. With the exception of negligible damage to property and slight injury to two civilians, the attack was fruitless. The promptness with which cities and towns in this part of England were plunged into darkness when the coming of the Zeppelin was announced undoubtedly prevented greater damage. In one instance bombs fell near a passenger train.

London, April 15.—Failure of the Russian attempt to invade Hungary is announced by the German war office. The statement made is that the effort of the German army from Pressburg to force Lufkrow and east Duxis passes was unsuccessful; that its attack at several points along this front resulted in defeat and heavy losses. In consequence it is said, the attacking power of the Russians is lessened.

Although official reports from Petrograd concede no such reverses they indicate the Russian advance has been brought virtually to a halt. The Russian war office says, "Slight progress" has been made near Ustok pass and that a counter attack at Koshova by Austro-German forces failed. The German report speaking of the Koshova fight asserts the Russians were repulsed with heavy losses. The Russian report makes no claim of further progress in the Carpathians, except at Ustok pass.

Another Britisher Sunk.
The British steamship Platanian, 435 net tons and 215 feet long, was captured and sunk in the North sea by a German submarine. Eleven of the crew of 22 were saved.

An important committee under the chairmanship of Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, to organize and speed up the supply of war munitions, was completed today.

Reports Confirmed.
Four attacks by the French are mentioned in a Berlin statement today. All are said to have failed. Paris, however, asserts in the ally wood section ground 400 yards long and 100 yards deep was won, and that in German advance of nearly one mile was made.

Operations on the western front are hourly at a standstill. Germans in the Meuse district apparently have checked the French initiative. A Saloniki dispatch says intervention in the war of Roumania appears imminent, that the Roumanian army is well equipped and is ready for instant action.

British Casualties 139,247 Men.
The total British casualties in the war from the beginning of hostilities to April 1 is 139,247 men, was the announcement in the house of commons today. A. Maitland, Netherlands, dispatch says local owners of a steam trawling fleet have been notified that four of their trawlers flying the flag of Holland have been seized by German warships and taken to Cuxhaven. A grandson of William Gladstone, great liberal statesman, has been killed in action.

Alleged Belgian Held as Spy.
An inviolable Belgian grenadier giving the name of Pierre Bayens, has been arrested to Paris on a charge of wearing the uniform of the French army and a French military medal without authority. After his arrest inquiries were made with the result that he was charged with espionage. The police believe he is a German who enlisted in the Belgian army for the purpose of espionage.

JOHN BUNNY CLOSE
TO END IN GOTHAM

New York, April 15.—John Bunny, comedian of the screen, is thought to be at death's door today of kidney and heart ailments. Bunny's face and figure are known to millions of moving picture devotees. He is 52 years old and has been on the stage 25 years.

CARPENTERS GET
ORDER TO STRIKE

Said Thirteen Thousand Will Walk Out Today Because Increased Wage Is Refused.

Chicago, Ill., April 15.—Word went out from union headquarters today to "pull out carpenters when the whistle blows at 4:30." Business agents of the carpenters' union carried the edict to the men.

"Let them strike," was the defiant message that passed between employers. "It would be business suicide to pay carpenters 70 cents an hour." Thirteen thousand carpenters are involved. It is estimated if the carpenters strike 5,000 other building mechanics will be thrown out of work. If continued the strike would affect 50,000 wage earners in allied industries. About forty-five hundred buildings are under construction in Chicago and unless men claim work would be stopped on 50 per cent of these.

OPERATION UPON
MRS. ROOSEVELT

Condition of Wife of Former President Is Reported To Be Satisfactory.

New York, April 15.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, who was taken to Roosevelt hospital last night by her husband, Colonel Roosevelt, was operated on early today. While the nature of the ailment was not disclosed, it was stated the operation was successful and the condition of the patient was satisfactory. Dr. Alexander Lambert of Cornell medical school was the surgeon in charge.

EIGHT DROWN WHEN
RESERVOIR BREAKS

Holbrook, Ariz., April 15.—Lorman reservoir, which impounds the waters of the Little Colorado river 12 miles south of St. Johns, broke at midnight drowning eight persons who have been living directly under the dam. Damage so far in the flooded area is estimated at \$450,000.

FREDERICK M. SMITH
IN FATHER'S PLACE

Lamoni, Iowa, April 15.—Frederick M. Smith of Independence, Mo., today was elected president of the Board of Directors of the Latter Day Saints, to succeed the late Joseph Smith. The latter had requested that his son, Frederick, be named his successor.

TRADING STAMP IS
FOUGHT BY DEALERS

Springfield, Ill., April 15.—Retail merchants of Chicago and the state have locked horns in Springfield with trading stamp concerns.

Two measures designed to curb the "save your coupons" system by imposing heavy license fees were taken up by the senate judiciary committee yesterday. After a brief discussion a sub-committee, composed of Senators Broderick, Swanson, and Dailley, was appointed to consolidate the bills into one. A hearing on the measure was set for next Wednesday.

Warfare against the trading stamps was launched by the United Grocers and Butchers of Chicago and the Grocers' and Butchers' association. Poes of the coupon system say the business of the stamp firms aggregate more than \$100,000,000 a year and that this comes out of the pocket of the consumer and contributes to the "high cost of living."

SIGNS THE "ALASKA" DRY BILL

Governor Gives Approval to Measure to Submit Proposal.
Juneau, Alaska, April 15.—Governor F. A. Strong signed the bill passed by the territorial legislature providing for submitting the question of prohibition throughout Alaska to the voters at the election Nov. 4, 1916. If prohibition is approved it will become effective Jan. 1, 1918.

MICHIGAN STRIKE
HEARING DROPPED

Congressman MacDonald Unable to Appear Before Federal Commission, as Planned.

Chicago, Ill., April 15.—The federal industrial relations commission today announced no inquiry into the 1913 strike of Michigan copper miners would be made at this hearing. It had been planned to give former Congressman MacDonald opportunity to make a statement on the strike tomorrow, and since General Manager Macnaughton of the Calumet-Hecla mine was passing through Chicago he was invited to appear also. Today, however, MacDonald telegraphed he could not be present.

GREENMANIS
PILOT OF CAR;
WRECK; 15 DIE

Student Motorman Misunderstands Signal at a Detroit Crossing.

HIT BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Several of Bodies So Terribly Mutilated That Identification Is Impossible.

Detroit, Mich., April 15.—To the inexperienced of a student motorman is charged the death of 14 persons, 10 of them women, killed last night in a collision of a street car and freight train on the tracks of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad in the western end of the city.

According to the police unexplained inactivity of the student's instructor contributed to the disaster.

Twenty-eight others were injured, four of them so seriously death is believed certain.

Seven of the dead have been identified. The others are so mutilated identification is well nigh impossible.

The identified dead:
MISS GAIL GEORGE, school teacher.

MRS. ZEPK WAGNORAS,
LOUIS KORNICH,
THOMAS SALMON,
JOHN BIER,
OWENKA BOURGEOIS,
DONER KIRDAK.

The majority of the other victims are foreigners.

With a heavy load of passengers homeward bound, the car, handled by a student motorman, J. T. Westover, hit as it reached the railway crossing.

Steps In Front of Train.

The conductor ran ahead and, seeing a string of freight cars pushed by an engine approaching, signalled the motorman to wait. The student misunderstood the signal and turned on the power. The car started down a slight incline leading to the railway tracks. When too late the motorman attempted to shut off the current and apply the brakes, but the car slid and stopped directly in the path of the train. The leading freight car crashed into the street car. Two hundred feet had been traveled before the freight was brought to a stop, and along this distance terribly mangled bodies of dead and injured were strewn. The roof of the car remained intact, but the remainder was reduced to splinters. Some of the bodies were torn to bits.

The crews of the freight and street car were taken to police headquarters and after an investigation Westover and the regular motorman, Richard Vallade, were detained on a charge of manslaughter.

LOST SUBMARINE
FOUND BY A DIVER

Frank Crilly Drops 288 Feet and Walks on Top of Vessel in Honolulu Harbor.

Honolulu, April 15.—Chief Gunner's Mate Frank Crilly went 288 feet under water here yesterday afternoon and walked along the top of the submarine F-4, which disappeared March 28. The depth is said by naval officers to be a world's diving record. He found the F-4 lying on a smooth sandy bottom with no coral growth to impede boisterous operations.

She lay tilted on her starboard side, her bow pointing shoreward. Two parted lines were found attached to the craft.

After Crilly reported, it was said further observations probably would be made before an attempt is made to raise the F-4.

Crilly went down in an ordinary diving suit and the recompression chamber designed to reduce pressure on the diver was not used. Crilly was under the water two hours. It took five minutes for him to make the descent and he was on the bottom 12 minutes. An hour and forty-five minutes was required to bring him to the surface in order to accustom him gradually to the change in air pressure.

\$59,000 OFFER FOR
SEAT ON EXCHANGE

New York, April 15.—Fifty-nine thousand was bid today for a seat on the New York stock exchange, an advance over the last actual sale of \$9,000. Trading today was again on a large volume.

MIKADO SAYS
BUNK TALE
OF WAR MOVE

Washington, D. C., April 15.—An official statement by the Japanese embassy today characterized as "preposterous" reports that a naval base is being established in Turtle bay, in lower California, and declared there "never has been any intention on the part of the Japanese government to locate a naval base or occupy any territory on the west coast of Mexico." Operations of the Japanese warships in Turtle bay, embassy officials said, were solely for the purpose of salvaging the stranded cruiser Asama.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 15.—Three Japanese warships, under the command of Admiral Nakayama, with six colliers and supply ships, manned altogether by about 4,000 men, were recently in Turtle bay, lower California, which is Mexican territory, standing by the stranded Japanese cruiser Asama, according to a staff correspondent of the Los Angeles Times. Turtle bay is 400 miles south of San Diego and is said to be the best harbor north of Magdalena bay, the west coast rendezvous of the United States navy.

No effort is being made to float the Asama, which, the correspondent avers, is lying in soft mud at the entrance of the harbor. This was explained, he said, by Japanese officers, who declared they were waiting the arrival of a great crane ship. Meanwhile, however, the correspondent asserted, Turtle bay has been mined by the Japanese, ammunition has been landed and a large camp established ashore. Preparations also were made, he added, to land guns from the Asama. The mines were laid in the harbor, the correspondent said he was told, as an additional precaution against attack by German naval vessels.

The warships guarding the Asama were the Chitose, Idzumo and Tokioka. When the correspondent sought to get close to these vessels and to visit the Asama he said he was arrested and told by Lieutenant Tomasada of the Idzumo that it was dangerous to cruise about the bay, and also that visiting was to be firmly discouraged.

San Diego, Cal., April 15.—"With the Mexican government in its present condition, there is not much of a neutrality basis for Japan to violate," said Rear Admiral Charles F. Pond, commanding the Pacific reserve fleet, when told here yesterday of a reported Japanese temporary occupation of Turtle bay.

He would neither confirm nor deny the report, but said he doubted if the harbor had been mined.

Patents Granted Local Men.

(Special to The Argus.)
Washington, D. C., April 15.—Patents have just been granted to Harry L. Dooley, Rock Island, on a clutch mechanism for planters, and to Pearson Jopling, Rock Island, on a coal and rock drill.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, cooler Friday.
Temperature at 7 a. m. 49. Highest yesterday 62. Lowest last night 48. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles per hour.
Precipitation .01 inch.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 59. at 7 a. m. 68.
Stage of water U. S. a rise of .2 in last 24 hours.
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Saturn. Morning stars: Venus, Mercury, Jupiter. The Pleiades and their "follower," Aldebaran, seen equidistant from the horizon about 8:30 p. m.

HANSBURY CASE
MORE A MYSTERY

Claim New York Girl Is Alive, Yet Hold Contractor as Her Alleged Murderer.

Troy, N. Y., April 15.—Claudia Hansbury, described by the New York police as the girl whose body was found in a variant lot in the Bronx last Saturday, is home here, and has not been in New York.

The girl has not been in New York since Jan. 4, when she ended a visit to her aunt. She said her name is now Mrs. William Burns and that she is the wife of a resident of New York city. She said she knew the man questioned by the New York police. New York, April 15.—Identification of the young woman found murdered in the Bronx Saturday as Miss Claudia Hansbury of Troy, was contradicted today. The police received information the woman believed dead was actually living in Troy. Notwithstanding failure of identification the police arraigned Raffaele Viallo, a contractor, charged with the homicide, and Mrs. Bertha Wilson, before the police magistrate. Viallo was held without bail for further examination Monday and Mrs. Wilson was held in \$500 bail as a material witness. Viallo was arrested last night after a fountain pen found near the body was identified, the police claim, as his property. Mrs. Wilson, the police allege, has said she introduced Miss Hansbury to the contractor. The mystery surrounding the murder is now deeper than ever, the police confessed. While they were questioning Viallo they found the address of an aunt of Miss Hansbury, who identified the body of the slain woman as her niece.

MATAMOROS BATTLE
IS HALTED BY RAIN

Brownsville, Texas, April 15.—Heavy rain promised to interfere today with operations in the siege of Matamoros. There was occasional light firing by sentries.

El Paso, Texas, April 15.—Official reports that the Obregon army is being surrounded by Villa-Zapata forces is confirmed by private advices.

ROBBERS GET
\$50,000 SILK
FROM TRAIN

Buffalo, N. Y., April 15.—A dozen bandits, armed with repeating rifles and automatic pistols, held up a New York Central fast freight train at Sanborn, nine miles east of North Tonawanda, early today, stripped several cars of bolted silk valued at \$50,000 and sped away in five automobile trucks upon which they had loaded the plunder. The bandits fired several shots at the crew. None was injured.

GOTHAM PHYSICIAN
FINDS NEW VACCINE

New York, April 15.—The man of the hour in New York medical circles today was Dr. Harry Plotz, aged 26, bacteriologist at Mount Sinai hospital, who announced last night he had discovered an anti-typhus vaccine. In view of the recent spread of the dread disease in Serbia, where many American doctors are leaving the fight against it, the discovery was hailed by physicians as timely and important.

MILWAUKEE MAN IS
CHEATED IN GOTHAM

New York, April 15.—A man who described himself as Henry Lewis, a broker of Peoria, Ill., was held today for \$7,500 bail for examination Tuesday on a charge of grand larceny made by Louis Holzfurtner, a saloon-keeper of Milwaukee, who alleges that Lewis swindled him out of \$8,500 in a game of cards called "stock exchange." This Lewis denied.

According to Holzfurtner, Lewis took him to a gambling house here, where Holzfurtner won \$38,000. Because Holzfurtner had given his check instead of cash in buying his chips his winnings were withheld. He returned to Milwaukee, he said, secured a check for \$10,000 and cashed it when he came back to New York. With the cash he and Lewis, he charged, went again to the gambling house, where he lost, he said, \$8,500.

CHICAGO DOCTOR
MARTYR TO DUTY

Lingers Two Weeks After Infected While Administering to a Charity Patient.

Chicago, Ill., April 15.—After awaiting death for two weeks, Dr. Clarence H. Wall, tuberculosis expert of the Chicago police department, died today. While giving an injection of serum to a charity patient suffering with tuberculosis Wall's hand accidentally was struck by the needle containing the serum with the result that the fluid was injected into his veins. Blood poisoning developed and he knew there was no hope for him, although he consulted with physicians until the last.

DENIAL FREE
PASS BEHIND
STATE QUIZ?

Held Legislators Are Retaliating for Utilities Body Action.

BLOCK CONFIRMATION

Eighteen of Recess Appointments Held Up for Investigation of Charges.

Springfield, Ill., Apr. 15.—Sitting behind closed doors, the senate today ordered that confirmation of 18 of Dunne's recess appointments be held up pending hearing of objections which have been made against them. The remainder of the governor's appointments were approved. Hearings on objections to the appointments will be held in Springfield beginning next week by an investigating committee.

Springfield, Ill., April 15.—Considerable interest was attached today to the action of the senate committee late last night in voting to hold up 15 of Governor Dunne's recess appointments, including all members of the public utilities commission and State Insurance Commissioner Potts. Other appointments held up were State Fire Marshal Bennett, State Food Inspector Matthews, Robert Eadie, member of the state industrial board, John I. Blackman, member of the fish and game commission; Frederick Provost, member of the state board of pharmacy; J. M. Booth, Kankakee public administration; George W. Dowell, Duquoin member of the court of claims; Charles W. Elliott, Galesburg, member of the board of managers of the Illinois reformatory, and John Andre, member of the Chicago West park commission.

Friends of the utilities commission charged that confirmation of the members of that body was held up because of the commission's action in prohibiting members of the assembly from riding on free railroad passes. Friends of Potts declared his confirmation was refused because of his activities against the insurance "combine."

The report of the committee which investigated Dunne's recess appointments probably will be made to the senate today. The majority of the members of the committee are republicans, and it is probable the committee's action will be sustained.

The members of the utilities commission held up are Owen P. Thompson, Richard Yates, Frank H. Funk, Walter A. Shaw and William L. O'Connell. Confirmation of three more of the governor's recess appointments, in addition to the 15 announced last night, are to be held up by the senate, according to action this morning by a caucus of republicans of that body. The additional three are Browne and Patterson of the state livestock commission and James H. Burdett, president of the state civil service commission. The caucus endorsed the action of the committee which was named to investigate appointments in voting to hold up the appointments.

The members of the license committee of the house are expected today to report out and recommend passage of a boxing bill now before the senate.

AMERICAN IS HELD IN BERLIN

Cause for His Arrest By German Officials Made Public.
Berlin, via The Hague, April 15.—Michael J. Earley of Batavia, N. Y., Berlin agent for the Johnston Harvester company, was placed under arrest by German officials on March 9 and is still being detained, it was learned yesterday, for reasons not yet made public.

STOPS PURCHASE OF WHEAT

British Government Takes Action in Regard to Protest.
London, April 15.—The government has announced its decision to make no further purchases of wheat for the reason that representations have been made by the trade that such action prevents the resumption of normal trading.